

## NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, after receiving testimony from Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Teri Nutter, Copper River Basin Housing Authority, Glennallen, Alaska; David Brien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt, North Dakota; Waldo Walker, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Gardnerville, Nevada; Aneva J. Yazzie, Navajo Housing Authority, Window Rock, Arizona; and Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with amendments;

S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth;

S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem;

S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of

Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard"; and

The nominations of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Joe W. Stecher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 3094–3121; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 559–561, were introduced. **Pages H8184–86**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8186–88**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–240);

H.R. 2798, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–241); and

H. Res. 558, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–242). **Page H8184**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8123**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m. **Page H8125**

**Recognizing the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of**

**their 25th Annual Reunion:** Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 541, to recognize the Marines of Company M (or “Mike Company”) of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of their 25th Annual Reunion. **Page H8125**

**National Council on the Arts—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McCollum to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H8125**

**Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008:** The House passed H.R. 3043, to make appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 276 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 686. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, July 17th. **Pages H8126–73**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back promptly to the House with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 685. **Pages H8170–72**

Agreed to:

Ryan (WI) amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the Entertainment Education Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; **Pages H8130–31**

Upton amendment that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” designation; **Page H8131**

Garrett (NJ) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States; **Page H8131**

Garrett (NJ) amendment regarding funding for certain autism programs; **Pages H8131–32**

King (IA) amendment (No. 38 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to employ workers described in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Pages H8157–58**

King (IA) amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used by the Public Broadcasting Service to sponsor events at the Filmmaker Lodge at the Sundance Film Festival; **Pages H8158–59**

Gingrey amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007 and debated on

July 18th) that prohibits funds from being used by the Social Security Administration to administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico establishing totalization arrangements between the two countries (by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 168 noes, Roll No. 673); and **Pages H8159–60**

Lewis (GA) amendment that limits the use of funds regarding certain Medicare regulations (by a recorded vote of 412 yeas to 12 noes, Roll No. 677). **Pages H8128–30, H8162–63**

Rejected:

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 61 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy; **Pages H8132–33**

Davis (KY) amendment (that was debated on July 18th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay a bonus or other performance-based cash award to any employee of the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services who holds a position to which such employee was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or a Senior Executive Service position (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 672); **Page H8159**

Souder amendment (that was debated on July 18th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the National Labor Relations Board to recognize as the exclusive bargaining representative of employees any labor organization that has not been certified as such by the National Labor Relations Board pursuant to section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act (by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 255 noes, Roll No. 674); **Pages H8160–61**

Camp (MI) amendment (that was debated on July 18th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement any policy prohibiting a Medicare beneficiary from electing, during a coverage election period, to receive health care benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act through enrollment in a Medicare Advantage plan (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 675); **Pages H8161–62**

Westmoreland amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Education to publish or process the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in a language other than English (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 676); **Pages H8126–28, H8162**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 62 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service, City College of New York, NY (by a recorded vote of 108 yeas to 316 noes, Roll No. 678); **Pages H8133–35, H8163–64**

Flake amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, for exhibits, education programs, and an archival project (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 679);

**Pages H8135–36, H8164–65**

Jordan amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to provide for a 4.6 percent reduction in each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 680);

**Pages H8136–41, H8165**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by 1 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 681);

**Pages H8141–45, H8165–66**

Musgrave amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by .5 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 682);

**Pages H8145–49, H8166–67**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by .25 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 683); and

**Pages H8149–53, H8167**

Pence amendment (No. 67 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being made available to Planned Parenthood for any purpose under title X of the Public Health Services Act (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 684).

**Pages H8154–57, H8167–68**

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, July 17th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 23rd for Morning Hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 25th.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–48.)

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8123.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8159–68 and H8172–73. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Bill, Fiscal Year 2008.

### MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLE (MRAP) VEHICLE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a joint hearing on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, MRAP Task Force; BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; LTG John Castelow, USMC, Deputy Commander, Programs and Resources; and LTG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G–8.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: 1 H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; H.R. 2295, ALS Registry Act; and H.R. 507, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007.

### NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.